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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL AUTOMOBILE TARIFF RATES EXTENDED UNTIL
MARCH 31

REF: CANBERRA 450, 75 CANBERRA 7833(NOTAL), 75 CANBERRA 628
(NOTAL), 74 CANBERRA 7528 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, SENATOR COTTON, HAS
ANNOUNCED THAT TARIFF LEVEL OF IMPORTED CBU AUTOMOBILES AND
LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL REMAIN AT 45 PERCENT UNTIL
MARCH 31. RATE ON IMPORTED CKD VEHICLES WILL REMAIN AT
30 PERCENT UNTIL SAME DATE.

2. COMMENT: ORIGINAL IMPOSITION OF 45 PERCENT RATE FOR
CBU'S AND 35 PERCENT FOR CKD'S CALLED FOR RATE TO REMAIN IN
FORCE FOR AS LONG AS CBU IMPORTS REMAINED ABOVE 20 PERCENT OF
TOTAL PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS ON A 12 MONTH
MOVING AVERAGE BASIS. WHEN IMPORTS REACHED 20 PERCENT, TARIFFS
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WOULD REVERT TO 35 AND 25 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY (74 CANBERRA

7528). IN ITS
REPORT, TABLED NOVEMBER 5, 1975, INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION (IAC) RECOMMENDED INTER ALIA THAT 45/35 PERCENT
RATIO BE MAINTAINED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1977. CARETAKER
GOVERNMENT IN ITS DECISION ON QUOTAS OF NOVEMBER 20, 1975
(75 CANBERRA 7833) AND NEW GOVERNMENT IN ITS DECISION OF
JANUARY 14 (CANBERRA 0450) MADE NO REFERENCE TO IMPORTS AT
45/35 PERCENT RATE AS IMPORTS HAD REMAINED ABOVE 20 PERCENT
OF REGISTRATIONS. ACTION NOW REQUIRED AS RATE HAS FALLEN
BELOW THIS LEVEL. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXTENSION UNTIL MARCH 31
IN LINE WITH EXTENSION OF IMPORT QUOTAS UNTIL THIS DATE
ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 14 (CANBERRA 0450). AS WAS CASE WITH
QUOTA EXTENSION, SENATOR COTTON ANNOUNCED EXTENSION WAS
INTERIM MEASURE THAT WOULD GIVE GOVERNMENT TIME TO STUDY IAC
REPORT.
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